



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Three men charged in assault, attempted shooting of security guard**

Howard County police have charged three men in the assault and attempted shooting of a Columbia security guard Wednesday night. Rick Britton, 20, of Odenton, was charged with attempted murder; Derrod Peterson, 18, and Darnell Furby, 16, both of Columbia, were charged with assault. Furby was charged as an adult.

Police were called to the 8800 block of Flowerstock Row around 9 p.m. Wednesday for reports of shots fired. Upon their arrival, they located a 27-year-old male security guard on-duty who had been confronted by a group of young men. The guard reported to officers that he had been punched in the face and that one of the men had fired multiple gunshots at him. He was not struck by the gunfire. As the guard fled, the suspects entered his security vehicle and stole money.

Detectives launched an investigation which led them to identify Britton, Peterson and Furby as suspects. The three were located and arrested at various residences, not their own, without incident.

Britton was charged with attempted murder in the first and second degree, assault in the first and second degree, attempted armed robbery, theft and handgun violations. He is currently being held at the Howard County Detention Center on no bond.

Peterson was charged with second degree assault, attempted robbery and theft. He is currently being held at the Howard County Detention Center on no bond.

Furby was charged as an adult with second degree assault and robbery. He is currently being held at the Howard County Detention Center on \$25,000 bond.

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